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Miners' Wages in the West.

The manager from one of the largest mining and smelting companies in B. C. who has given some attention to the labor problem in B.C. recently visited the States, and he says:

"I learned while in California the prices paid in the States for miners and hons of labor. In Leadville, with an altitude of 10,000 feet, the wages are from \$2.50 to \$3 for 10 hours. They pay \$3 in the mines where it is very wet. In California miners are paid \$2.50 for 10 hours' work. In Nevada miners are paid \$3 for 10 hours' work. In Colorado miners are paid \$2.50 to \$3 for 10 hours' work. In Utah, where they have the eight hour law, miners are paid \$2.50 for eight hours' work. They have had experience with this eight hour law in Utah, and it is condemned by both the miners and the mine owners. They claim down there that eight hours' work is too little time to keep the men occupied, and the consequence is they drift around the saloons the balance of the shift, and, of course, get into the habit of drinking more than is useful or good for them. At the same time I was informed that this eight hour law drove away the more ambitious men, who wanted to work 10 hours, to places where they could get a contract, or get \$3 per day of 10 hours; that on the whole it has shown itself to be a great mistake to legislate for eight hours' work, as it causes the men to do three or four hours' work every day, which means loading in the saloons, and the men get drinking and spending all their money.

MIKADO BRICKS.

After a year the result of the Day of the 29 Stamps.

Mr. J. B. Macdonald arrived in town on the 29th day of gold bricks, and on the 29th day of the 29 stamps. The value of the bricks is \$1.50 per 100, and the created a great deal of interest when displayed in the window of the Imperial bank. The manager was trying to record a brick, but is simply endeavoring to keep to an average which can be broken upon. The sorting plant was only operated for a month, but now that the business is over, which is a public supply of a 100 stamp mill has been installed, it will be put in operation again, so it is likely that the next time it will be somewhat

FORTUNE IN STOCKS

Judicious Investments in Mines Make Men Wealthy.

CITATIONS OF INSTANCES OF SUCCESS

ONTARIO GOLD MINES HAVE THE ESSENTIALS FOR MAKING NEW MILLIONAIRES.

Some people read of fortunes being made in mining and wonder how it is that such chances do not come to them. Others read of the way Dame Fortune has shelled out to some lucky individual, and make a wry face because they are not so favored. Each of these persons doubtless can take their memories a little and realize that they, too were called, but did not respond to the importunities of the fickle goddess. They can remember how the Calumet & Hecla stock was offered them for 50 cents a share. But they did not buy because they did not believe copper existed in Michigan anyhow, and those who said it did were swindlers seeking to secure their hard-earned money. They in consequence would have none of it. Others they were not so cautious, who did believe what was told them by a man who understood the value of the copper deposits, who put their savings into the mine, and was a true owner of stock worth the tens of dollars a share. Some time ago enormous dividends were paid. For instance \$100 invested in that stock at 50 cents today is worth \$10,000, and to mention the dividends paid to them. It was not luck that gave this magnificent return on a small investment, but just ordinary common sense backed up by a little courage to make the investment.

The history of mining is a simple evidence of success coming from faith and careful investment. In fact, while there are no other mines in the world there are in all but one even

monies coming in for stock, that were sufficiently capitalized or where the stock was firmly held at good figures, are now in the dividend class, or rapidly approaching that stage.

The successes in Ontario are the Sultana, which was sold in London last year for \$1,375,000; the Mikado, which last year produced \$100,500 worth of gold, of which extended mention will be found in its annual report published last week in the THE MINER. The Olive is another mine that is a regular producer, and the same may be said of the Golden Star, which, while a good mine, has been food for the start, first by the promoters and now by the stock brokers who persist in making it a football from day to day on the stock boards.

There are a number of smaller propositions at work throughout these Ontario gold fields, some of them very meritorious, and which in any other gold mining region would be considered bonanzas, but the big permanent mines of the future here are the low grade propositions, with immense ore deposits, that can be easily and cheaply worked on a large scale. Among such are the Sultana mine, the Olive, the Hammond Reef, the Glass Reef, the Triggs, the Randolph, the Gold Banner, the Combine, the Mikado Peninsula, the Westernfield, the Crown Point, and the tremendously big ore body belonging to the Homestake of Ontario gold mines, now under active development, and which promise to eclipse all other propositions known to fame, such as the Homestake of Dakota, and the Alaska-Treadwell mines, which heretofore have borne the palm for bigness and productiveness in the gold mining world.

It is still possible to secure stock in most of the companies above named at figures nearly down to ground floor basis, and it has been the case in which the most successful investments mentioned were purchased. Some of them are now advertising in THE MINER, while others have done so in the past. The cautious public will look up the claims of such mines, will then invest, and will subsequently reap rich rewards. The overcautions, or the headless who can never see an opportunity when success comes to others will succumb to the luck of those who took the only path to riches, which is to invest their money, be it much or little, in good investments, and let the money grow and thereby so

Excursion to the Goldfields.

The excursion from Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul and other points will arrive at Rat-Portage Thursday next. There will be a number of representative men from these cities, and there is no doubt but this excursion will tend to diffuse knowledge of the mining possibilities of western Ontario among the best class of American capitalists, and bring to their attention a new field for legitimate investment. Its results will be far reaching, for each of these men will be a means of directing the attention of their immediate friends in this direction. In the party will also be a number of representatives of the leading papers of the different cities, and the articles they publish on the district will have the advantage of an immense circulation. Very few American publications have ever contained any articles of this district, from the fact that no effort has ever been put forth to supply them with reliable information.

Gold Hills Exploration Co.

T. K. Barnard, M.E., of Toronto, was in town this week and has now gone to inspect some properties of the Gold Hills Exploration Co. in the Plamirgan bay district. If he finds the veins to be as good as assays would lead him to believe the company will begin opening up the property at once. The Gold Hills Co. has a number of other locations in different parts of this district, some of which are considered very good, and will probably soon start to work opening up some of them.

The Little Bobs.

Development on the location owned by the Little Bobs Mining Co. continues to uncover exceedingly rich ore. Returns from four 100 lb. samples put through the amalgamation test this week resulted as follows: Actual gold obtained \$2.53, \$1.15, \$2.10 and \$8.95, or values per ton of \$5000, \$23,812 and \$161. These are wonderful results and show the splendid worth of the property.

The whole of the 100 lbs. of ore brought in could not be put through this week, owing to a large number of tests being made on the Wendigo ore for Mr. Hunter and his associates, as the last payment on the purchase price on that property has to be made on the results of the tests being made.

The former amalgamation tests of ore sent from the Little Bobs and

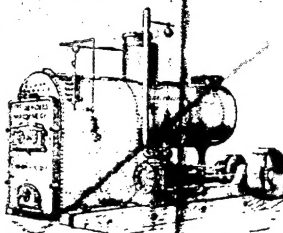
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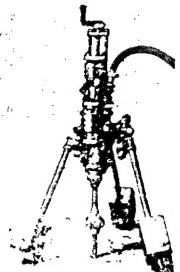
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stamp mill. The value of the bricks is about \$13,000 and they created a great deal of interest when displayed in the window of the Imperial bank. The mine is not trying any record breaking runs, but is simply endeavoring to keep to an average which can be relied upon. The sorting plant was only operated for a month, but now that the immense crusher, which is capable of supplying a 50 stamp mill, has been installed, it will be put in operation again, so it is likely that next month's output will be somewhat increased.

Temple of Fame.

This production is looked for the Hilliard open house May 24, and will be presented by local talent, in which a great many of our ladies, who are prominent socially, will participate. The event promises to be very interesting, and will no doubt draw much attention. More extended notice will be given next week.

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dividends each month. For instance \$100 invested in that stock at 50 cents, today is worth \$150,000, not to mention the dividends paid for years. It was not luck that gave this magnificent return on a small investment, but just ordinary common sense, backed up by a little courage to make the investment.

The history of mining gives ample evidence of success coming from judicious and careful investments. In fact, while there are failures in mining as there are in all business ventures, yet, where good judgment is used and the same care and caution exercised as is the case usually in other ventures, the percentage of loss is less than in any other line of business. The fact of the matter is that mining today is reduced almost to a science. Given the property, sufficient capital to carry it on to a successful issue, there is no such thing as failure, while the gains to be secured are not at all approachable by any other pursuit. Citations confirming this matter may be multiplied. The instance of Mrs. Chase, of Bangor, Maine, who against the advice of her friends who predicted loss, invested her small saving of \$100 in the United Verde copper mine of Arizona. That same investment is now paying her original investment now, of \$100,000 per month with the mine only in its infancy, and it is claimed she has refused \$34,000 for her holdings. Another instance is that of a Spokane tailor, who took 5,000 shares of the Le Roi mine in British Columbia at 5 cents a share, and after keeping the stock sold it on the reorganization of the company, for \$50,000 in cash, and the same stock on the new basis of capitalization today in the London market is worth \$390,000. The tailor, said to be only the ninth part of a man, took chances and reaped a harvest, while the St. Paul business man who wrote his cheque for \$5,000 to pay for one fifth of the same Le Roi mine, and backed out because so advised by his friends, two years later could have had a cool one million dollars in cash for his investment. Had he used his own judgment instead of that of his friends of the sort who can see no good come out of Nazareth.

THE MINER cites these cases to show that the business of mining does pay, when one goes about in the right way. But at the same time, we do not wish to be understood as commending all mining ventures, for we do not, any more than we would say that any business enterprise would meet with success. There are mining propositions right in Ontario, good ones, that have been wrecked because of poor management. The capitalization was too low, or the stock frittered away at too low a price, so that the funds necessary for putting the mine on a paying basis, were dissipated before the object sought was attained. Other properties, however, there are, that by careful management and a wise husbanding of the

when the fortunes mentioned were purchased. Some of them are now advertising in THE MINER, while others have done so in the past. The courageous public will look up the claims of such mines, will then invest, and will subsequently reap rich rewards. The over-cautious, or the heedless who can never see an opportunity, when success comes to others will share at the luck of those who took the only path to riches, which is to invest their money, be it much or little in mining or other investments, while prices are low and thereby secure the advance sure to come, if the same has merit, such as is the case in all the properties mentioned in this article.

THE MINER does not mean to insinuate here that there are no other meritorious properties in these gold fields, for there are plenty of them, most of which have been mentioned frequently in these columns, and which are now omitted because they do not come under the scope of large low grade propositions, such as are particularly dealt with in this article.

Stamps for the Wendigo.

Matt Hunter manager of the Wendigo mine, left this week for the east where he goes to consult the directors of the company. It is their desire to place a mill on the property, and it is likely that it will be installed at once. The mine has two shafts 100 feet deep which are now being connected on the lower level. The showing is thought to be so good that it is possible the mill will be of thirty-stamps. The mine is well equipped with machinery and a 40 foot square boarding house capable of accommodating 60 men has been erected and the property generally put into excellent shape for rushing work.

E. E. Kendall is taking out teams and barges to bring in about 200 tons of ore from the Wendigo, which will be put through the Kewatin Reduction Works. The result of this test will be watched with interest.

Mining Land Transfers.

We are informed by Registrar, Ap' John that many transfers of title are being made at his office in mining lands of this district which is a - - - indication that things are moving. It is quite probable that this will result in more development as the change of ownership is an indirect evidence of capital sufficient to carry on the work.

W.C.T.U. Social.

Last night the W.C.T.U. met at the house of Mr. Kelly on Fifth street for a social evening. Quite a large number were present. An interesting program was provided, consisting of songs, recitations, instrumental music and a review of the work done by the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Clark presided at the meeting. After the social refreshments were served.

or values per ton of \$55.00, \$23, \$182 and \$104. These are wonderful results and show the splendid worth of the property.

The whole of the 620 lbs. of ore brought in could not be put through this week, owing to a large number of tests being made on the Wendigo ore for Mr. Hunter and his associates, as the last payment on the purchase price on that property has to be made on the results of the tests being made.

The former amalgamation tests of 270 pounds from the Little Bobs gave an average value of \$276 per ton for 18 inches of vein. The four tests mentioned above gave an average of \$104.13 for three foot wide of ore.

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Voiced mutely by that oracle sublime!
Grief of the world and glory of God's heaven,
By organs of one the other we divine;
Light for its great analysis is driven
Through the rain prisms. Tender, blessed sight!
Tears as interpreters to us are given.
—Hester Caldwell Oakley in Woman's Home Companion.

THE CAT OR
THE COMET

Which Was Responsible?

What was that? A confused noise, as of shattering glass, a heavy fall and a pistol shot, all at once.

Then Aunt Samyra rapped on the door and called to me in excited tones through the keyhole:

"Allicia Dean! Allicia Dean! Get up and dress, quick! There are burglars upstairs!"

Fortunately I was already dressed, having sat up later than usual that night waiting for my room-mate, Susan Ellen, to come back from the country.

No I opened the door at once, as I did so Susan Ellen appeared, in my arms, looking white and - and almost ready to drop.

Aunt Samyra appeared a moment later, her hair done up in curl papers, armed with a lighted candle, a revolver and a poker.

I got possession of the revolver immediately; not that I expected to do any more good with it than she could, but I hoped to do less harm.

"Susan Ellen," said I in a star-struck voice, "you see anything of the burglars as you come in?"

But Susan Ellen seemed so paralyzed with fear that she was incapable of answering and simply clung to me, left arm like a frightened child, screaming from head to foot.

"Now, girls, follow me, and don't speak a word!" commanded Aunt Samyra, ascending the stairway, preceded by her bedstead of curl papers, and followed by the candle and the poker in the other.

We moved at a safe distance, and I tried to tell Susan Ellen on the way that the door to Uncle Ralph's room, and I was - the robbers had been in, and he would have come to our rescue in half a minute.

She opened her mouth to answer, but her teeth chattered so that she could not.

We now saw that Aunt Samyra had stepped in front of Uncle Ralph's door and was making professional attempts to force it.

By accident I had the key of my room in my hand, having mischievously

result was that Susan Ellen had not finished the windows.

"But it was so warm," she wound up with another burst of tears, "I did not think it would matter to leave out one sash, and I meant to clean it and put it in today."

I understood now why it was that Cousin Susan was so powerfully affected by the death of a great uncle whom she had never seen till yesterday. She thought if she had not left out that window sash the murderer could not have gained entrance.

Aunt Samyra employed the finest detectives to clear up the mystery, but it remained a mystery still.

"Allicia," said my aunt about six months after the murder, "what is your theory on this subject?"

"I have none," I answered, "unless it was a case of suicide."

"Impossible!" she ejaculated.

"What sort of mind was he in when he made you good night?"

"Very bright and cheerful."

"How long was he after he left you before you retired?"

"I hadn't retired at all, but was putting up my hair in curl papers when I heard the pistol shot and went after it."

"Then you heard the report of the shot shortly after he made you good night?"

"I did."

"And you say he was in a bright, cheerful frame of mind?"

"Yes, he went off with a laugh about finding in the top story sash, he could not get a better view of the comet, which was then attracting the attention of every one, as he would be so much nearer to it."

At the end of this conversation I was as much in the dark as I had been at the beginning.

But one thing had been borne in upon my mind very forcibly of late, and that was the chance it was Susan Ellen. Ever since that memorable night she had been a different girl and seemed only the shadow of her former self.

I attributed this state of things to a morbid, over-sensitive conscience which could persist in attributing great blame to herself for having let out that grin-dow sash. One piece of her character, however, I was at a loss to account for, and that was an impulsive and unaccountable aversion she had taken to Aunt Samyra's pet cat.

Formerly, I remember, she had been the cat's great friend, and on many a fine evening would sit on the rug, pussing, and now she shied at the animal if I opened the door for her against her.

But it was many years before I discovered the cause of this aversion. Aunt Samyra was deathly afraid of cats and had been buried under a pile of them in the back yard. Susan Ellen had married Mr. Wentworth, the young man who had been her escort to the coroner's inquest the night of Uncle Ralph's death, the old home had been broken up, and I was drifting about the world in a way.

Susan Ellen had invited me to spend a week with her, and my father-in-law was away on business, she had no one

BREVITIES

PERSONALITIES.

Ex-Governor Hogg wears a 22 inch collar.

Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes is said to inherit much of his father's wit and conversational powers.

Marshall Field is to build and present a fine library building to his native town, Conway, Mass.

The king of Sweden travels as Count de Hava. It was under this title that he staid at Cannes last season.

General Leonard Wood is partial to cigarettes, rarely smoking cigars, a fact which commends him to the Cubans in his province.

General von Rock and Polack will succeed General Count von Schillfren as chief of the general staff of the German army after the autumn maneuvers.

Heer Ritzentach, who introduced the cogwheel railroads that have enabled tourists in Switzerland to do their mountain climbing without effort, died recently.

J. B. Frye, one of the oldest residents of Virginia, died recently and was buried, according to his wish, in a walnut coffin made with his own hands from an old tree on his farm.

Guthrie, O. T., has a 15-year-old lawyer. His name is Frank H. Burford and he was recently admitted to practice, though he has not yet been graduated from the Guthrie High school.

A Washington friend of Admiral Dewey says the great sailor is a splendid wit and story teller. He can also spin a yarn of his own experience which would rival the wildest fiction.

John Ruskin has not had his photograph taken for 30 years, and John Hare says he used to be caught by the camera only. This was at the coroner's inquest of Queen Victoria.

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...the men Uncle Ralph's room, and he was afraid the robbers had hurt him, he would have come to our rescue at once.

She opened her mouth to answer, but her teeth chattered so it was all lost.

We now saw that Aunt Sam had replied in front of Uncle Ralph's door and was making ineffectual attempts to rouse him.

By accident I had the key of my room in my hand, having unconsciously taken it out after opening the door to Aunt Sam's. This key I now applied to Uncle Ralph's lock. The door opened readily, and Aunt Sam's head popped in, but springing back instantly with a cry of horror, for Uncle Ralph lay on the floor under the window with a pistol beside him.

It did not take me many minutes to decide that he was dead, with a bullet through his heart.

After becoming convinced of this fact all my nerve left me. While gazing vacantly about with dazed eyes, vaguely conscious that Aunt Sam's was sobbing and that the cook, who had just come out of the scene, was uttering horrible ejaculations, I felt some one pull my sleeve. It was Susan Ellen.

"Take me away," she said, "it's chilly up here."

"It is chilly," I answered, drawing her arm through mine.

Then I noticed that a strong gust was sweeping through the room, and that the upper sash of the window was open.

"Look?" I said. "No wonder we are cold!"

But she paid no attention.

After I had put Susan Ellen to bed and managed to get her away, I went to the window with the assistance of the maid, and a glass of wine I went back up stairs.

I had already decided that I would find that Uncle Ralph had been murdered by a burglar, but the first thing I found when I opened the window, seemed to disprove this theory, for on the dressing table lay the watch and the purse of the murdered man. Now, after a rough search, I could find even a pin, which here we had a coroner's report.

"It is developed the fact, which we knew, that 'Ralph' had been murdered at the hands of a party, the name of which is unknown."

When the verdict had been reached, I went to the scene of the murder and made another investigation. Under the window I discovered some bits of broken glass. On examining the window itself I not only found that the upper sash was open, but that one pane of glass in the lower was missing. As I failed to draw any conclusion from these facts, I went back to Susan Ellen and told her that I supposed the murderer had carried off the upper window sash.

She burst out crying hysterically, and for a long time I could not get her out of her room. But it transpired at last that when Aunt Sam had been appeared of Uncle Ralph's unexpected visit the day before she had sent Susan Ellen up stairs to get his room ready. Susan Ellen, thinking she had plenty of time before his arrival to clean the windows, took out the sashes—they were old fashioned windows—in order to wash them.

But Uncle Ralph got in two hours ahead of time, having come on an earlier train than he expected. The

Susan Ellen had expected to spend a week with her, and her husband was away on business. She had ample opportunity for the exchange of long confidences about old times.

One night as we sat by the fire the subject happened to turn on Aunt Sam's old yellow cat. I asked her why it was that she took such a sudden and unaccountable version to that poor animal.

"It is something I have often wanted to tell you," she answered, "but somehow always slipped from doing so. At first I was afraid, and afterward I just kept putting it off, because I knew I ought to have told you at first. You remember the night Uncle Ralph was killed?"

"I certainly do."

"Well, that evening I went to a concert with Mr. Wentworth. We got home about 10:30, and I was talking at the front gate a minute or so, when while calling my attention to the concert, I felt guilty standing at the gate, for Aunt Sam's cat often told me not to do so, and the cat was in the garden toward the house, expecting to see her looking her head out of the window, looking at me. I asked two curious questions in Uncle Ralph's window caught my eye."

"You remember that it was a bright moonlight that night?"

"I certainly do. You remember that I was washing the window? The bottom sash was in, but I was on a piece of broom handle so I could take the place of the top sash, leaving the bottom of the window open."

"Now, then, the window still, walking backward and forward, looking at the concert, I suppose, was Aunt Sam's old yellow cat, while Uncle Ralph, with his head poked out from the window, was also regarding the concert with great interest."

"My first feeling was one of guilty dismay. He was looking at the concert now, to be sure, but if he were to glow in my direction and then to tell me that I was a murderer!"

"While I hesitated what to do, I began rubbing myself against the pane of broom handle that held up the window. The broom handle I am afraid, had been put up in a very slanting, insecure fashion. I realized this in a flash. As I noticed Uncle Ralph's pistol lying on the window sill, and I had barely realized it when the broom handle slipped, the window came down on the pistol, and I heard the shot and knew the rest."

She paused and took a deep breath.

"And now I want to know which was responsible for the murder, the cat or the concert?" Chicago Times Herald.

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"I don't see how the defendant, who is very short and fat, could have hung the plaintiff, who is remarkably tall and thin."

"She explains it by saying he folded her in a warm embrace."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Governor Russell of Maine, who owns timber lands in the North Woods, was asked by a Boston Correspondent the other day if he thought the pulp business was destroying the Maine forests and he promptly answered: "No. That's my answer to you. No! Let them cut all they want."

What Worried Him.



Beggar Woman—This cough bothers me so.

Planist—Bothers you? It bothers me more because you cough an octave too high.—Hiccuppe Blatter.

A Sudden Affluence.

"As he spoke an handsome and bronzed stranger brandished in the face of the girl he loved a Gladstone bag stuffed with bonds."

"When you refused me because I was poor," he said, "you little knew what I was capable of."

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An interesting spectacle was witnessed the other day on the banks of the river Soar, near Hathers, by a gentleman resident in the district. Being attracted by a peculiar cry, he turned aside and came upon a young otter and a huge eel engaged in a deadly struggle. The otter had evidently caught the eel, which had retaliated by winding itself tightly round the former's neck. The fight lasted several minutes, the otter eventually freeing itself and making off with a part of the eel, which it had bitten in two.—London Telegraph.

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Local Interest

Quick Meal Oil Store. For sale at Jacob Hesse's.

E. F. Head, architect, has removed his office from the Verkerker block to the Fullerton block, corner Fort and and Matthews streets.

Mr. Jos. Armstrong, vice Dominion Fish Co., returned from Selkirk just work and will look after the business of the company as usual this summer.

Hall is my tailor.

The secretary of the Royal Jubilee Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$11 donation of the Old Time Carriers per Dr. Schnapf.

Divine service at Lily hall next Lord's day at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The question of the Age will be the subject in the evening. All are welcome.

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Hall is my tailor.

T. Davison has just had a Coldwell hotel at Ignace and will take possession next week. The hotel is a splendid three story stone structure and in good favor with the travelling public. Mr. Davison will conduct it at the most advanced rates and will undoubtedly meet with success.

Adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of The Rat Portage Brick Company was held in the law office of Allan McLeod on Wednesday.

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Deaths during week.

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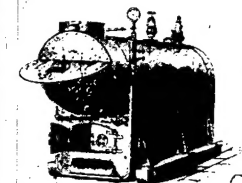
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